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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	31175	Agenda Number	18.
Meeting Date:	3/20/2014			Department:	Health and Human Services
Subject					
Approve reappointment of Philip P. Huang, M.D., M.P.H., as Health Authority and designation of Paul Hinchey, M.D., Jose G. Cabanas, M.D., and Birch Duke Kimbrough, M.D., each individually, as an Alternate Health Authority for Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department effective April 1, 2014.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	The City Council first approved the appointment of Dr. Philip P. Huang as Health Authority in April 2008. He and three alternates – Drs. Paul Hinchey, Jose G. Cabanas, and B. Duke Kimbrough -- were reappointed in March 2010. On March 22, 2012, Council again approved Dr. Huang’s reappointment as Health Authority along with the three designated alternates.				
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Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
<p>Philip P. Huang, M.D., M.P.H., will continue serving as Medical Director for the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) effective April 1, 2014, and will provide medical leadership in monitoring and responding to potential disease outbreaks and ensure all medical-related activities in HHSD are performed in accordance with applicable license, regulatory, and accreditation standards. As Medical Director, Dr. Huang will perform the duties of the Health Authority as described in State statutes (i.e., quarantine, required reporting of infectious diseases, birth and death records), City ordinances, and County regulations.</p> <p>This RCA requests City Council to approve the reappointment of Dr. Philip P. Huang as Health Authority for another two-year term commencing April 1, 2014, and ending March 31, 2016.</p>					

Under State law (Health and Safety Code Section 121.029), the Health Authority may delegate any power or duty imposed on the Health Authority to a properly qualified physician who may act when the Health Authority is absent or incapacitated. The physician(s) designated by the Health Authority must:

- Meet license and residence requirements
- Be appointed as a designee in the same manner as the Health Authority; and
- File the Oath of Office, executed by a duly-appointed Notary Public, with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

With the approval of Carlos Rivera, HHSD Director, Dr. Philip Huang has designated Dr. Paul Hinchey, Dr. Jose G. Cabanas, and Dr. B. Duke Kimbrough, each individually, as an Alternate Health Authority.

The delegation is effective during the term of the Health Authority from April 1, 2014, to March 31, 2016. The Health Authority is responsible for the acts of the physicians to whom the powers have been delegated; and the entity that appoints the Health Authority must have procedures in place to prevent duplication of authority and provide notice to the HHSD Director when authority is transferred. HHSD has had a "Delegation of Back-Up Health Authority" in effect since July 1, 2000.

ELIGIBLE APPOINTEES:

Philip P. Huang, M.D., M.P.H., received his medical degree from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and his Master's in Public Health, with a concentration in Health Policy and Management, from Harvard. Dr. Huang also received an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from Rice University. He is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Texas and is a Diplomate, American Board of Family Practice. His clinical experience includes internship and residency in family practice at Brackenridge Hospital where he also served as Chief Resident in Family Practice. Prior to holding his current position with HHSD, he served as Medical Director for Chronic Disease Prevention at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and Chief of the Bureau of Chronic Disease and Tobacco Prevention at the former Texas Department of Health (TDH) where his responsibilities included oversight of state activities related to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, asthma, and tobacco-use prevention.

Dr. Huang meets all the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be reappointed Health Authority by Carlos Rivera, HHSD Director, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department.

Dr. Paul Hinchey received his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas, after interning at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and residencies in general surgery at North Carolina Memorial Hospital and Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington. Dr. Hinchey holds board certifications from the American Board of Surgery, American Board of Emergency Medicine, and numerous certifications in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support, and Swift Water Rescue. He has served as Medical Director, Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) since September 2009.

Dr. Hinchey meets all of the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be designated as an Alternate Health Authority.

Dr. Jose G. Cabanas received his medical degree from Ross University, Dominica, West Indies, and served as resident in emergency medicine at the University of Puerto Rico, as health policy intern at George Washington University, and as an EMS fellow at the University of North Carolina. He is board certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine, the North Carolina Medical Board, and holds numerous special certifications. Dr. Cabanas has served as Deputy Medical Director for the Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) since 2011.

Dr. Cabanas meets all of the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be designated as an Alternate Health Authority.

Dr. B. Duke Kimbrough received his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He interned and served as resident in general surgery at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill,

North Carolina. He also served as resident in general surgery at Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Washington. Dr. Kimbrough is a Diplomate in general surgery with the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Emergency Medicine. Since March 1993, he has served as Staff Physician in the Emergency Department of the South Austin Medical Center.

Dr. Kimbrough meets all of the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be designated as an Alternate Health Authority.

Curriculum Vitae are attached for the Health Authority and each Alternate Health Authority. Copies of the appointing documents required by the Texas Department of State Health Services are also attached.